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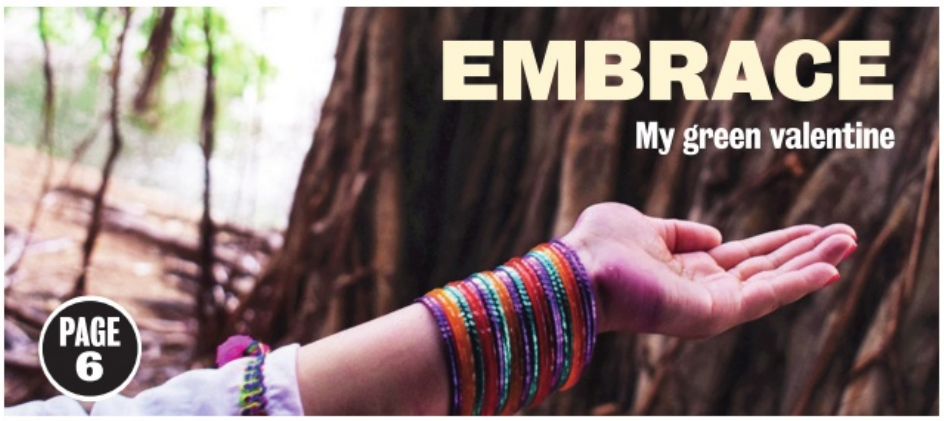

For second time, inauguration of Veeragallu at National War Memorial, in honour of martyrs, cancelled as defence minister 'held up' elsewhere

SELECTIVE MEMORIES

Retired military officers, kin of martyrs had gathered at venue

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Many retired military officers, their kin including war widows who turned up at the National War Memorial on Tuesday evening had to go home disappointed.

Most of them came from faraway places in the city after receiving information the previous day about the inaugural function of the National War Memorial.

They took special care to come, dressed in formal attire, for the special occasion. With the last-minute cancellation of the inaugural function, they had to return, blaming the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for failing to turn up as he was 'stuck at some other place in the state'.

They said the inaugural function has been cancelled for the second time. They termed the cancelling of the inaugural function an embarrassment to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country.

"The inauguration of the National War Memorial is getting cancelled for the second time. February 14 is the right day to inaugurate the National War Memorial

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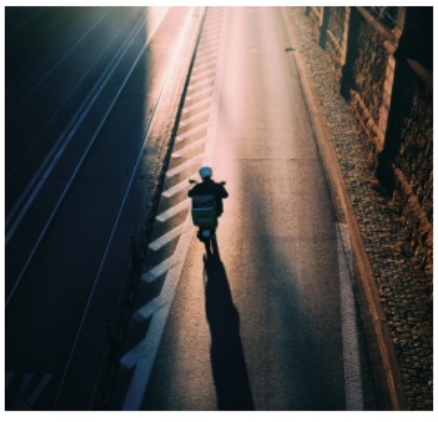
Colonel Rajan S (retired) along with retired army personnel

"These are events that make us believe the country cares. We came here with a lot of expectations — Padma Sangli, war widow

Didn't sign up for this gig!

Security of delivery personnel a matter of concern; not just authorities but firms they are servicing not willing to do anything about it



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In the first week of February, a couple hit a delivery personnel with slippers in Bengaluru as two items ordered were missing.

The couple had placed an order for groceries through an app. Later when the delivery partner arrived at the location, the couple found that two items in their order were missing. Following a quarrel with the delivery personnel, the couple hit him with slippers.

Hundreds of angry delivery personnel were protesting in front of an apartment in Electronic City till the police arrived at the spot. In fact, this isn't an isolated incident; the city is witnessing a rise in several cases of assault on delivery personnel.

Vinay Sarathi, president of United Food Delivery personnel Union, said delivery personnel often have to go to remote and unsafe places at odd hours.

"Their security has become a matter of big concern; not just the authorities but even the firms they are servicing are not willing to

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Calling Hemingway fans

Catch 'Old man and the sea', a play based on Ernest Hemingway's novella. This is the story of an epic struggle between an old, seasoned fisherman and the greatest catch of his life. For 84 days he has returned home empty-handed. On the 85th day, he sets out far beyond into the sea and drops his lines. For five days, the old man struggles with the fish, sharks, and the sea, to survive and get back home.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: February 26, 11am, 3 30pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Jive away

Hard Rock Cafe Whitefield brings you Teemeer And The Cirkle all the way from Mumbai, for

a magical tribute night to Kishore Kumar & RD Burman! Performing live in Bengaluru, Teemeer And The Cirkle brings you old-school retro favourites performed in their signature style mashups. So keep your spirits up and your energy reserved and get ready for the perfect musical night. **Where: Hard Rock Café**
When: February 17, 8pm onwards;
Tickets: insider.in

03 Movie under the stars

Love and Friendship are the critical pillars that bring stability and joy in our lives. Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, as part of the ongoing celebration of the Love month, offers you to cherish your treasured relationships as a community in an innovative set up. The mall has organized a special screening of the iconic movie "Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara" at mall's Algorithm area where you will get to indulge in the movie under the sky amid a lazy and relaxed seating with your favourite buddies or that special someone.
Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield
When: February 18; Tickets: bookmyshow.com

Flights of fancy

Surya Kiran of Indian Air Force perform aerobatic manoeuvres on Day 2 of Aero India 2023, at Yelahanka Air Force Station

On Day 2 of Aero India, bizpeople flocked to watch the visual stunts

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The second day of the 14th edition of Aero India 2023 drew hundreds of businesspeople to the Yelahanka Air base.

The flying display on Tuesday (even on Wednesday) was held between 12 pm and 1.30 pm. On Thursday and Friday, the flying display -- for those who have bought tickets -- is scheduled to be held in two sessions: 9.30 am to 11 am and 2 pm to 3.30 pm.

HAL removes Hanuman image on aircraft

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited removed the picture of Lord Hanuman from 'Hindustan Lead in Fighter Trainer (HLFT)-42 on Tuesday. The image with a slogan "The storm is coming" could be seen on the first day of Asia's largest air show, which took off on Monday, on the vertical fin of the HLFT-42 at a static display. "There used to be an HAL aircraft called HF-24 Marut (meaning wind). It was derived from it. There is nothing specific to derive from it (image of Lord Hanuman)," an official of the Bengaluru-headquartered HAL said.

A deepening friendship

Two B-1B Lancer supersonic heavy bomber jets of the US Air Force on Tuesday joined the American exhibits at the Aero India at the Yelahanka air base in reflection of deeper strategic ties between the two countries.

The B-1B Lancer is capable of carrying out missions worldwide from its bases in the United States, as well as from forward deployed locations.

It carries the largest conventional payload of both guided and unguided weapons in the US Air Force and is considered the backbone of America's long-range bomber force, American officials said.

In addition to the B-1s, the US line-up at Aero India includes the US Air Force's newest fifth-generation fighters -- the stealthy, supersonic, multirole F-35A Lightning II and F-35A Joint Strike Fighter. Throughout the week, an F-16 Fighting Falcon duo is conducting daily aerial demonstrations, showcasing the capability of one of the US Air Force's lead fighter jets.

160 Prachand helicopters

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said there would be 160 of the Prachand helicopters in the armed forces in the future and these would help to reduce external dependence on the forces. "The Ministry of Defence is working on the details of indigenous manufacturing of aero-engines to provide a new fillip to the aerospace sector and achieve complete self-reliance.

The DRDO should encourage start-ups and new R&D establishments to develop incremental innovations, minor sub-systems and their technologies through schemes like Technology Development Fund and Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX). DRDO is no longer just a service provider for defence R&D. It is now also a facilitator for in-house industrial R&D, start-ups and private sector labs. There is a need to take advantage of this synergy," he said.

Towing trouble

The acrobatics by various flights have been attracting people not just from Bengaluru but also from neighbouring towns. In fact, many who could not get a pass have been standing at tall buildings or lake bunds outside the air base to have a glimpse of metal birds.

There have been instances where people are parking their cars to stand outside for a glimpse. However, the cops have posted towing vehicles on the highway where the parked vehicles are being towed away.

A traffic police personnel said, "The entire highway has been converted into a no-parking zone. We have been warning people against parking vehicles on the road to watch Aero India and are towing away a few vehicles who fail to heed to our warning."

Martyrs' memories made to wait

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because it is the day when 40 soldiers died in Pulwama terror attack. The inauguration of the National War Memorial today would have been a fitting tribute to the soldiers killed in Pulwama terror attack and also a warning to the terror forces," said retired colonel Palaniraj.

On the condition of anonymity, an activist, who played a key role in bringing Veeragallu to the National War Memorial, questioned the 'audacity' of the government to cancel the inaugural function for the second time.

"I do not know who is incharge of the National War Memorial. Is it the way to show respect to the martyrs?" she asked. Padma Sangli, a war widow who came all the way from Indiranagar to attend the inaugural function of the National War Memorial said she was very disappointed because this was an event to honour martyrs and their families. "These are the events that make us believe that the country cares. We came here with a lot of expectations. It is an opportunity for the public to be a part of such events where they see martyrs' families being honoured and the glory of armed forces. It is indeed a sad occasion whatever be the reason such an event stands cancelled," said Sangli.

Shakunthala A Bhandarkar, director of Veer Naari Initiative, said there is so much respect for the veterans in other countries. "Here you had a formal inauguration, but you just dropped it like hot cake which is an insult to veterans and armed forces. You are the defence minister. You could have sent somebody else, or you could have apologised. Please let the inauguration happen," said Bhandarkar.

Retired Colonel Rajan S lambasted the Union defence minister for not turning up at the event which eventually got cancelled. "It is a matter of shame that the defence minister did not turn up.

It just shows what value and respect they give to soldiers, especially those soldiers who laid their lives for the country. Today, war widows and the widows of soldiers who were killed in Jammu and Kashmir have turned up. And the defence minister does not have the respect to come here. He got stuck somewhere. I don't care where he got stuck. Once he gave a word, he should have come here...'," said the retired colonel.

The organisers had decorated Veeragallu with flowers; seating arrangements were made for guests, retired army personnel and war widows.

A number of policemen were deployed to prevent any untoward incident. Snacks, coffee and tea were arranged. However, all those who turned up at the venue had to return disappointed, and disgusted.

FUMING CITY

Study in 4 areas tracks particles of size less than 1 micron that can get into respiratory tract easily

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An air quality study conducted by city-based researchers has thrown up worrying results. According to the study conducted in four different areas of Bengaluru, the concentration of particles less than 1 micron in size (PM1) was found to have touched 68.64 micrograms per cubic metre.

The study conducted in Basavanagudi, Domlur, Hosur Road and DC Halli areas shows that the PM1 concentrations varied from 20.16 µg/m3 to 68.64 µg/m3 between July 2018 and 2019. Moreover, the highest concentration of the particulate matter (68.64 µg/m3) was observed in the Basavanagudi area and the lowest level (20.16 µg/m3) was observed in Domlur.

Vehicular emission, according to experts, is the biggest contributor to particulate matter in the environment, including PM1. Vehicular fumes are also the dominant source of PM1 in residential areas at roadside locations in the city.

"Anthropogenic activities such as the burning of crackers and fumes from vehicles were found to be responsible for the large value of PM1 concentration in the Basavanagudi area. However, the impact of meteorological parameters such as humidity, wind speed, and temperature cannot be ruled out too," said Dr KE Ganesh, one of the researchers and professor at BMS College of Engineering.

Researchers say the idea behind the study was to measure the concentration of this ultra-fine particle, which is largely unchecked. Moreover, studies in the past have suggested that PM 1 is more toxic than PM 2.5. Size wise PM 1 can be more easily respirable than PM 2.5 and PM 10.

"We felt the need to study PM1 concentration in Bengaluru. PM1 being an ultrafine particle with an aerodynamic diameter of 1 µm is still smaller than PM2.5 and hence can get into the respiratory tract very easily. There are enough studies related to PM2.5 and PM10 particulates across Bengaluru but not much has happened to check the concentration of PM1. Depending on the constituents, PM1 may have its effect," said Dr Ganesh.

Experts say vehicular emission is the biggest contributor to particulate matter in the environment; Vehicular fumes are also dominant source of PM1 in residential areas near roads

Season-wise

Researchers also looked at the average concentration of the particulate matter around Bengaluru for winter, summer, monsoon and post-monsoon seasons. PM 1 concentration was found to be the lowest (30.85 µg/m3) during the monsoon.

While there are no national and international standards to indicate safe levels of PM1 in the air, the standards set for PM 2.5 are used to measure PM 1 as well. While the safe limit for PM 2.5 is 60 µg m-3 as per the National Ambient Air Quality Standard, a higher level of PM 1 in the atmosphere is a cause of concern, say the researchers.

"The lower PM 1 concentration observed in monsoon is due to washout of the particulates and the highest concentration observed in winter may be due to temperature inversion in ambient air. Ideally, PM 1 should be present in much lower concentrations in the air.

Effective management of garbage at the source level, use of public transport and planting more trees are some of the measures that can be taken to keep the level of this fine particle in check," added Dr Ganesh.

Hope for ASHA workers?

Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) play a crucial rule aiding the health department, but their own needs have not been met for long. They have been demanding a fixed honorarium of Rs 12,000 per month, but that has not been addressed by the government.

State Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar has now assured them that their salaries will be raised. Demanding Rs 12,000 to be fixed as monthly honorarium and immediate release of wages pending for over three months, the Karnataka Rajya Samyuktha ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha, affiliated with the All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), had organised a state level convention at Shikshakara Sadan.

Sudhakar addressed the convention and acknowledged the selfless service of the 42,000 ASHA workers across the state. Referring to the demands, he said, "I am aware of the union's demand of increasing the honorarium to Rs 12,000 for ASHA workers. Although it might be a tough task to implement it immediately, I have certainly put forward the proposal of an increment of Rs 2,000 for ASHAs with the Chief Minister. Along with this, I am also aware of the demand put forth by the union to announce a post-retirement allocation of Rs 3,00,000 and a corpus fund amounting to Rs 5 crore for ASHA workers across the state."

State President of AIUTUC, K Somashekar, said, "It is time that ASHA workers be considered as government workers. Over the years, our union has made agitations in pursuit of the same on many occasions and we still await a positive response from the government." ASHA workers pointed out that they face regular exploitation in the form of unpaid wages, unresolved issues with their RCH portal leading to delaying of their honorarium and incentives.

K Uma, State Secretary, SUCI(C) said, "ASHA workers are known as warriors both while at work and also when it comes to fighting for their rights. But along with that, ASHAs have to evolve from being just scheme workers as this robs them of many rights and benefits." —BMB

A washroom of her own: 100 SHE toilets coming up

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The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is all set to establish SHE toilets in the city. The Palike has planned 100 such women-centric toilets that will be available for use without any nominal fee.

For the first time in Bengaluru, women will be able to use toilets in a much safer and more convenient manner.

Apart from toilet facilities like e-toilets, they will also provide an additional space for breastfeeding women and women on their period. The project is being implemented in a public-private partnership and the tender was floated for the same under four packages.

"BBMP has identified 100 locations for SHE toilets under the PPP model. Each unit will contain a sanitary napkin vending machine, a feeding room, a foyer room, and one toilet. Some will be built measuring 6X12 and 6X20 dimensions," said a BBMP official from the solid waste management department.

As per the Palike, e-toilets are smaller and these provide more facilities for women. Each unit is expected to cost Rs 18 lakh. While in most places, where there is a user fee for using such facilities, monetising on an advertisement on SHE toilets, BBMP will not be charging any amount.

Campaigner for public toilets, PSI Shantappa Jadammanavar, commended the move. "The measure will be helpful for women. We have not given importance to feeding rooms in the city. If properly maintained, it could help a lot of people. People should be made aware of the facilities provided by the government," he told BM.

Previously, SHE toilets have been established in Hyderabad, Telangana, and Kerala but ran into issues with maintenance and upkeep.

"Historically, space has played a major role for women. Such spaces will greatly help a lot of women, especially women who commute daily. Throwing open such facilities for women gives women a certain validation and sense of assurance to step out without worries," said Paati Purohit, Gender Consultant and Researcher at Arthan.

Purohit said women have always felt vulnerable stepping out in public and access to such spaces can become a haven. "However, there is a need to ensure the safety of women using these facilities and to ensure surveillance around the facility. BBMP has to ensure there are no trespassers in these facilities and permit continuous safe access," she said.

Life and death in Bengaluru's lakes

After 16 fish kills being reported in a span of 1 year, activists demand better management, action to check flow of sewage into our city's water bodies

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This was the condition of the RR Nagar Lake last November (File photo); experts say that fishkill incidents have been taking place all through the year in Bengaluru, not just in the monsoon or summer months

In the last year, lakes in Bengaluru witnessed 16 fish kills. Lake activists demand better management of lakes by the authorities as well as action to check sewage from entering into lakes.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, who works with ActionAid India, has combined all the incidents into a single report.

He said addressing the issue, "Somewhere sensitivity is lost, especially among the departments concerned. The last time we asked for information about fish kills from one of the authorities they gave just a few numbers that were in the outskirts of the city and those incidents were also mostly industry related."

He added that all the departments must take responsibility to take control of the situation. He said that they should check the lakes regularly to regulate the flow of sewage into the lake.

He added, "Some of the authorities do not have a proper grievance redressal system. If one wants to complain regarding sewage in a place, they do not know whom to reach out to. Hence, it is important to come up with a mechanism to record the complaints."

He also mentioned that fishkills are not just a summer or monsoon phenomenon. These incidents took place evenly throughout the year. "The stormwater drains are filled with sewage and soil. If they clear it on a regular basis, then the water going into the lake during monsoon would not be carrying too much sewage. It is also important to maintain the lake even after it is rejuvenated. The people who have been appointed to work at the lakes should be given responsibility to check the inlets at least once. There should be some official mechanism of checking the lake inlets," he said.

> **"Some authorities do not have a proper redressal system. If one wants to complain regarding sewage in a place, they don't know who to call**
> – Raghavendra B Pacchapur, activist

A report by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board mentioned that 39 lakes in the city tested for class E (suitable for industrial cooling and irrigation) for more than two months in the last 12 months.

Anandu K, a resident of Hebbal, said, "The lakes in the city are in a terrible condition. However, the residents also need to take responsibility. They should keep an eye on the lake water and check for sewage entry. If they find any, they must immediately inform the officials. They should also stop making the surrounding areas of the lake dirty by throwing garbage in the area."

Who shall ensure safety of delivery personnel?

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do anything about it. Sometimes they get delivery orders in the middle of the night from isolated places; it can be dangerous too. At times, individuals are robbed and attacked; this has become commonplace.

During the pandemic, it was much worse; we had notified the labour department and companies regarding these developments, but they are seemingly not bothered," he said.

He added that in a remote location near Kengeri, a delivery partner got into an accident and the company abandoned him.

"The man fell and contacted the customer care. The firm asked him to stay at the place and assured him that another delivery personnel is en route to help him. Later when another delivery partner reached the spot, he took the items and went without helping the injured, because he was instructed by the company to do so," he added.

Delivery personnel in the city BM spoke to said that they live in constant fear. Hemant, who has been working as a food delivery partner for the past six years, told BM that he is hesitant to go to remote areas because he fears he might get assaulted.

"Every other day we hear of delivery personnel getting harassed or beaten up; so it makes me very scared. The company also doesn't seem to care about us, so we are on our own when it comes to safety," he said. Vinay Sreenivasa of the Alternative Law Forum said the labour department is not helping delivery personnel either. "As per law, once you qualify as a worker, you should be considered an employee. Actually these delivery persons are not partners but employees.

And the labour department should initiate action on its own even if the delivery personnel hasn't filed a complaint.

The labour department has become voiceless when it comes to protecting delivery personnel and gig workers," said Sreenivasa. He also added that National Law University is working on a draft model law for gig workers.

Lok Adalat disposes of record 64,13,608 cases

The Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) has said that a record 64,13,608 cases were settled in the Lok Adalat held on February 11.

These include the 52,11,424 traffic challan petty cases in the two-week window ending last Saturday. On January 27, the Executive Chairman of KSLSA requested the state government to provide at least 50 per cent concession in traffic challan fine amount.

The state government had agreed to the request made by Justice B Veerappa and issued an order on February 2 providing 50 per cent concession. As a result, total 52,11,424 traffic challan petty cases were disposed as Pre-Litigation cases across Karnataka and a fine amount of more than Rs 152 crore was collected.

The KSLSA last evening said it has now requested the state to extend the window for traffic offences and the rebate for two more weeks. The Lok Adalat also settled 10,766 Negotiable Instruments Act cases and 116 RERA cases among others. **– PTI**

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Ghost car

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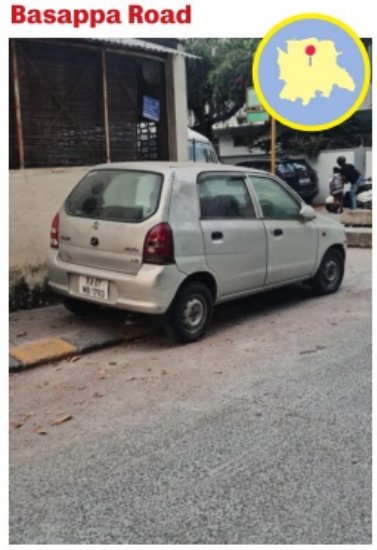

This car has been abandoned on Basappa Road, Shanthinagar for many days.

Tow away

Indiranagar

This towing vehicle is lying uncleared at 3rd Main, Defence Colony, Indiranagar.

Maintenance needed

Old Market Road

Old Market Road near Sajjan Rao circle is poorly maintained

Ways of seeing: Students' day out with animals

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Around 30 children from Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind had a field day at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) recently. They learned how to distinguish an antelope from a deer, listened intently to various bird callings, and mastered the art of identifying hippos through scent marking. They also spent the day examining leopards' pug marks, feathers of flying and non-flying birds, and humps of different camel species while stumbling upon the wooden model of Asian elephants.

The visually impaired children were part of BBP's special program for the differently abled to educate and inspire kids with special needs and make the park accessible to all.

According to BBP officials, the program was started two years ago.

"The programme is tailored as per their needs as these children, whether visually impaired or with autism spectrum disorder, face various learning challenges. We have reached out to around 10 schools for the specially abled in the city through this program," said a BBP official.

The kids who visit the park under this program are eased into nature through tactile learning methods as they get to see through touch, smell, and information by zoo officials.

"We provide the children with wooden or POP cast of animals and explain to them anatomical differences. For instance, they get to feel the double-domed head of Asian elephants, count the number of nails on leopard paws, visualise pug marks of a lion, and understand distinguishing features of a crocodile egg from birds," said the BBP official.

Children, while on the ground, are also taught to identify animals using their sense of smell. For instance, Hippos mark their territory and communicate through poop spray. Children are introduced to the smell while they feel the 3D model of the animal, making it a unique hands-on wildlife education experience.

Specially abled kids learnt about nature and wildlife through tactile learning methods

"We teach them to identify animals based on scent marking. While children visit animal enclosures, we tell them about their natural behavior and explain the reasons behind it. For instance, carnivores can mostly be seen inside their enclosures clawing on some enrichment to sharpen their nail," informed the staff.

"They stopped near every enclosure and children created the animals based on the tactile models and information shared by the officials. This was our first visit and we now plan to take the younger children every year to the park," said a representative of a school for visually impaired children in the city.

Schools in the spotlight

Public information: A school's credentials

Now, get details about a school online; move to curb fake affiliations

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From teaching a different syllabus to fake registration, many schools have been operating illegally

To curb the issue of fake affiliation in Karnataka schools, the Department of Public Instruction has decided to publish school information online for citizens.

"The entire process of registration and verification would be made online for the schools. In the process, if there are any problems, or inaccuracies found about the details of the school, then strict actions will be taken against the school management... All the details will be then published online for the public to access," a senior official from the Department of Primary Education told Bangalore Mirror.

Recently, several schools in Bengaluru were served notices over the last few months for teaching unapproved syllabus and showing fake affiliation to the parents. As per the reports, out of almost 700 schools that received notices for fake CBSE affiliations, close to 600 schools were from Bengaluru.

B'luru North has most illegal schools

Around 1,316 illegally-run schools were operating in the state. In Bengaluru alone, there are 871 unauthorised schools functioning. Bengaluru north division has the highest number of unauthorised schools in the state (485). Around 14 schools are functioning in the city without registration, 57 schools are conducting higher classes without permission, 90 schools have got permission to run the school in state syllabi but have been illegally teaching other syllabi like CBSE or ICSE. Around 201 schools have got permission to teach in Kannada but are illegally teaching in English.

Around 53 schools have been found to have changed the location of the school without the government's permission. Around four schools have transferred the management to a different party without permission. Around 20 schools are teaching both central and state syllabi in the same building.

In order to avoid more such incidents, the Education Department is now seeking permission to publish the details of schools that are not affiliated with other boards on their website to ensure transparency for parents.

However, the process is yet to be finalised by the department. .

"The problem in today's education sector is that there is no transparency for the parents. More than this, there are no restrictions on the private institutions and the parents have no idea who to seek clarification from when it comes to these elite private schools," V Shashikala, a parent told BM.

Last month, several parents protested in front of the schools when the issue first came to light.

"The question is that if the parents are being lied to about the board affiliation, how can we keep trust in the school management? It will be a good step if the information is made available online. It is shocking that so many of the schools have been functioning so far without all the required permits and it has taken so long for the government to notice," said Manjumathi, another parent.

> **There is no transparency for parents & they do not know who to seek a clarification from**
>
> –V Shashikala, a parent

Currently, the Education Department is working on verifying the affiliated board details in schools across the state. The department has formed a three-member committee, headed by block education officers (BEOs) in every taluk, to check the schools' affiliation and other issues in their jurisdiction.

Among these schools, the registered ones are being asked to rectify any such discrepancies while some unregistered schools are being made to shut down, the department informed.

No celebrating love in schools

With Valentine's Day celebrations across the city, a few schools went the extra mile and sent an advisory to parents and teachers to ensure students do not indulge in such activities.

The Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka issued an advisory to all its schools on Tuesday morning. Association's general secretary D Shashi Kumar said in a circular, "There have been many ugly incidents in the past which were related to relationships on campuses. As this can have a negative effect on school children, it is necessary for the schools to take appropriate steps."

A detailed advisory was sent to parents where the schools asked parents to keep an eye on the children's activities. "There is a need for parents to be cautious as there have been instances in the past where a few school students have resorted to taking loans or stealing money if they are not given money to buy chocolates or gifts during V-Day. As there could be instances where kids bunk classes and head out for malls or cinemas, the attendance should be strictly monitored," the advisory stated.

Kumar said that schools should strictly implement uniform rules. "As many teens tend to follow the colour codes on Valentine's Day, every student has to mandatorily wear uniform. No student should be allowed to wear coloured dress like white or red. We have been encouraging schools in association with teachers and teachers-parents association to do a surprise check on bags if any students were trying to bring in extra coloured dress," the circular stated.

However, the schools have stated that they have not received any complaints from any quarters. Meanwhile, a section of parents and students have opposed the advisory stating that the school should not impose strict restrictions as tougher restrictions can lead to a lot of violations.

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On the day of love, hug a tree

Citizens come together to embrace trees marked to be felled for Sankey flyover

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Refreshing the memories of Sunderlal Bahuguna's Chipko movement of the 1970s, residents of Malleswaram and surrounding areas celebrated Valentine's Day by hugging the trees marked to be felled for the proposed Sankey flyover.

Citizens opposing the 600 metre flyover planned by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to ease traffic congestion in the area reached out to the marked trees throughout the day to hug the trees and click pictures. Citizens for Sankey, a collective of residents from Sadashivanagar, Malleshwaram, and Vyalikaval, organised the event.

"We decided to step out and hug the trees near Sankey Tank to draw the attention of the authorities concerned. We want to convey the message that the residents of the area do not support the proposed Sankey flyover. Sometimes, such proposals appear to be a great abstraction, especially when officials are making decisions sitting in their air-conditioned offices," said Suparna, a resident who hugged the trees on Sankey Tank Road on Tuesday morning.

Citizens decided to step out and hug the trees near Sankey Tank to draw attention of the authorities

While removal of 39-59 trees might just be yet another number to the authorities, these trees are an essential part of our surrounding and Sankey's ecosystem, she added.

The netizens said that the stretch has beautiful heritage trees and the authorities concerned must take into account the impact of such a project on the biodiversity of the area and ecosystem of Sankey Lake.

"We have grown up with the stories of these trees. Are there no other solutions apart from cutting them and building a flyover that will not serve the purpose anyway? We want authorities to consider preserving these trees instead of hacking them," said Lakshmi Bhagwat, another resident.

"Flyovers were a thing of the 50s and 60s. We are walking the wrong path. The city will completely turn into a concrete jungle soon if this pace of development continues," she explained.

Not just by the residents of Malleswaram and surrounding areas, trees in various parts of the city too were embraced by the citizens in protest against a never-ending list of infrastructure projects involving the removal of trees.

Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation told Bangalore Mirror that citizens celebrated Valentree's Day by embracing trees at HAL 3rd Stage Public Park.

> **We have grown up with the stories of these trees. Are there no solutions apart from cutting them?**
> –Lakshmi Bhagwat, a resident

"It is high time that citizens start talking about bringing back the green cover to our garden city. Through the event, we wanted to convey the message that green commons, which include public parks, playgrounds, and avenue trees, should not be sacrificed anymore," he said.

"Only scientifically evaluated projects must be given a go-ahead. Moreover, the implementing agencies and citizens of the respective areas must be on the same page when it comes to such projects," he added.

Some netizens who gathered at Sankey Road to hug the trees also expressed their experience.

"We had also spoken to schools in the area, and they were all ready to send around 200 children to participate in the event. However, the permission to conduct this peaceful protest was canceled at the last minute by police authorities," said another resident.

Love language: Solace in helping others

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A doctor couple from Gauribidanur in Chikballapur district celebrated Valentine's Day on Tuesday in a unique way. The doctor couple – Dr HS Shashidhar Kumar and Dr KS Ratna, have performed more than 75 eye surgeries expressing their love and affection towards patients from economically weaker families.

By keeping themselves busy on Valentine's Day, the doctor couple proved that Valentine's Day can be celebrated by helping patients from poor families.

"Youth offer roses to their lovers to express their love and affection on the occasion of Valentine's Day. Both of us celebrated Valentine's Day by performing surgeries for more than 75 patients from economically weaker families at free of cost. We also provided accommodation and food for the people undergoing eye surgeries," said Dr HS Shashidhar.

The doctor couple with some of the patients who underwent eye surgeries

Meanwhile, many patients thanked the doctor couple for helping them at the time of need.

Ashwath Narayanappa, a resident of Bodabandahalli told Bangalore Mirror that he already had the eye surgery three days ago.

"The doctor performed eye surgery on my left eye three years ago. I underwent surgery for my right eye three days ago. I am grateful to the doctor for performing eye surgery at free of cost," he said.

According to Suguna Bai, a senior citizen from Mallur village, she is dependent on the pension given by the state government to make ends meet.

> **Doctors keep busy on V-Day by conducting over 75 eye surgeries to help the poor**

"I can't afford to have eye surgery at a private hospital as I have no money. My husband works as a tailor. I want to thank the doctor couple for helping so many people like me," she said.

Dr Shashidhar visits Manasa Hospital at Yelahanka in North Bengaluru every day.

"I visit Manasa Hospital at Yelahanka in the evening and stay till 8 pm. I will collect minimum fees if the patient cannot afford to pay. I am associated with 14 hospitals in rural areas," he said.

"We have completed 800 eye camps till now. Our target is to conduct more than 1,000 eye camps for the people in rural areas," he informed.

IN BRIEF

BU students hold protest against 'derogatory' skit

Bangalore University students' association staged a protest, on Tuesday, against the controversial skit performed by the students of Jain University at their college fest.

The students have demanded that strict legal actions be taken against the university authorities and for the university status of the institution to be revoked.

The Jain University has already faced legal actions after a video of the derogatory skit about Dr BR Ambedkar got viral on the internet. People pointed out that the video contained several casteist views and demanded legal actions against the people involved.

On Monday, nine people including principal Dr Dinesh Nilkant, students and the youth festival organiser of Jain University's Centre for Management Studies (CMS) in Bengaluru were arrested under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The students of Bangalore University have also demanded a statue of Dr BR Ambedkar to be installed at the premises of Jain University. **BMB**

Demand to make budget student-friendly

The All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) has issued a list of expectations for the education sector ahead of the upcoming state budget this year.

"Students of the state are facing several challenges this year. Representing the desires of the students' community of the state, AIDSO Karnataka State Committee urges the government of Karnataka to announce pro student and pro education schemes in the budget," said the organisation in a statement.

The organisation has demanded the state government to drop its proposal of granting financial autonomy for education institutes. Moreover, they have demanded more funds to be allocated to strengthen the public institutions as lakhs of students in the state are depending on them.

More funds for establishing engineering colleges in all of the districts across the state were also demanded.

The student organisation pointed out that a reduction in scholarship amount has become a matter of grave concern for students across the state as they do not have adequate facilities in the hostels.

The AIDSO Bengaluru district committee on Tuesday submitted a memorandum, which puts forward students' demands to the Minister of School Education BC Nagesh and Minister of Higher Education Dr Ashwath Narayan. **BMB**

Hacked, thrashed: Graphic scenes in city

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CRIME FILES

An elderly man was brutally murdered by miscreants in front of his son in Marathahalli police station limits on Monday morning.

The victim has been identified as resident of Kaverappa Layout PN Narayanaswamy, 71. Narayanaswamy's murder took place in front of his apartment complex. The police have registered a case and are investigating. The exact reason behind the murder is not known. Whitefield Division DCP Girish said that three special teams have been formed to trace the accused.

On February 13, Narayanaswamy and son Manikantha were ready to leave the house on a bike around 11 am to register a land in the name of the daughter-in-law at the sub-registrar's office. When Manikantha went to fetch the bike from the parking lot, Narayanaswamy was standing there talking to an acquaintance. A senior police officer said that an unknown assailant arrived suddenly and attacked him with a machete and fled with another accused on a bike.

The assailant tried to attack Manikanth who went to stop him from attacking his father. The officer said that Narayanaswamy, who was lying in a pool of blood, was taken to the hospital but he died on the way.

Drunk man hacked

An inebriated man was hacked to death near a bar on Halasahalli Road in the city. The murder was captured on the bar's CCTV camera. The accused has been identified as Sridhar and the victim has been identified as Muniyappa, 45. Sridhar and Muniappa are neighbours. Varthur police have arrested the accused Sridhar.

Man beaten up

A man was attacked by a gang near Rajanakunte Circle on Monday night. It is suspected that the person was assaulted by drunk people as he was standing drinking tea. It is not known why the man was beaten up.

The man was admitted to a private hospital. The police are gathering information about the attack, who the victim is and why he was attacked and about the culprits too. At present, according to the information of the locals, the victim is said to be a foreign national.

"He has many injuries on the face, eyes and nose after being hit by a gang. We don't know who the person is yet. Locals saw the person was bleeding and immediately informed the police station," said a police officer.

Man kills grandfather

A man allegedly killed his own grandfather because the latter didn't give him money to buy alcohol, in Kammanahalli.

The deceased has been identified as Joseph, 54 and the accused is Antony. "Antony was raised by Joseph from childhood. However, Antony was an alcohol addict and used to quarrel with Joseph for money to drink. Last night also there was a fight on the issue. It is known that during the quarrel, he strangled the man and hit his head with a stick," said the police.

'Unemployed man should find job to give alimony'

IN HIGH COURT

In a major judgment, Karnataka High Court has ruled that an unemployed husband should find a job to provide alimony to the wife. While delivering his verdict on Monday, a single-judge bench of Justice M. Nagaprasanna said, "It is the duty of the husband to provide alimony to his wife and children. So, if jobless, he should find a job, earn and provide it."

The bench quashed the man's petition of appeal questioning the verdict in this regard by a Family court of Mysuru. The man's counsel had submitted that the petitioner suffered from a number of diseases, he doesn't have a steady job.

He also stated that, no matter how hard he toiled, his earnings would never exceed Rs 15,000 per month and so he is not in a position to pay the alimony.

Brushing aside the argument, the high court stated that it is not acceptable that the husband is not in a position to give Rs 10,000 monthly compensation to his wife. He is fit enough to work and must find one and pay the compensation, the bench reiterated. The local family court had ordered compensation of Rs 6,000 to the wife and Rs 4,000 for the child. The bench further pointed out that Rs 10,000 is not a big amount. The man's argument that he is not in a position to provide the amount is just an excuse.

Since the petitioner had not provided any valid document to prove that he is suffering from liver-related ailments and hence must pay the compensation, the bench asserted.

HC drops POCSO, rape charges after victim and accused marry

The High Court has cancelled criminal proceedings against a man facing charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and rape charges under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) after the victim and the accused married. The victim had married him after turning major and the couple even had a child while the case was pending.

The bench headed by Justice K. Natarajan, while looking into the petition by a resident of Mandya to quash the POCSO and rape charges under IPC sections against him, gave the verdict on Monday. The bench had opined that the decision in this regard was made considering the interest of the child and the mother.

The bench remarked that the victim has attained majority now and is capable of taking independent decisions and selecting a life partner. She had married the accused and had a son out of wedlock. She has also agreed to quash the case against the accused person, the bench said.

Considering the interests of the victim, child and their future, the quashing of the POCSO case against the accused is appropriate, the court stated.

The victim's father had lodged a complaint on January 27, 2021 with the Arekere police station that when the girl had gone to her grandmother's place she went missing. The girl was found later with the accused. The police had lodged a case under POCSO and IPC sections.

The case was under trial in Second Additional District and Sessions Court in Mandya. The accused had made an appeal in the High Court.

The counsel C.N. Raju representing the accused submitted to the court that the accused had gone to judicial custody and after coming out on bail, married the victim on May 31, 2021. The couple are leading a peaceful life and the wife, who is also the victim, does not have any objection to quash the case. The public prosecutor submitted that the victim had voluntarily gone with the accused as she could not bear the torture from the father.

– IANS

Nandi Hills ropeway deal is on

The Karnataka Tourism Department on Tuesday said it has signed a concession agreement with Dyanamicx Ropeway Pvt Ltd., for development of passenger ropeway at Nandi Hills, for a project cost of Rs 93.40 crore.

Nandi Hills, in the Chikkaballapur district, about 60 km away from Bengaluru, is home to some historical sites and heritage monuments, and is also famous for its trekking trails, cycling routes and adventure sports such as paragliding.

The much-awaited project with an alignment of approximately 2.93 km will be developed on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, an official release said.

Dyanamicx Ropeway Pvt Ltd. will develop the project on Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer (DBFOT) framework with a concession period of 30 years, it said.

"The fast and environment friendly transportation facility like ropeway will save the time to reach Nandi Hills and will reduce pollution in the area apart from offering scenic aerial view of the surrounding area. The development of ropeway will not only improve connectivity but also attract more tourists to Nandi Hills," Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism Department Kapil Mohan said.

According to officials, revenue and non-revenue generating facilities have been planned at Upper & Lower landing stations.

These facilities would also cater to tourists staying at hotel and accommodation facilities around the location.

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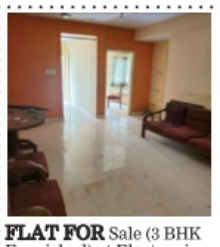

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I FEEL LOVE

What happens in our brain and body when we're in love?

Love dominates our popular culture and is the subject of countless songs, movies, and works of literature and art. But what's happening in our body when we feel love?

Love is difficult to define, but can be described as an intense feeling of deep affection. At the most basic level, science sees love as a cocktail of chemicals released by the brain.

From an evolutionary perspective, romantic love evolved from the primitive animal drive to find and keep preferred mates. Love keeps people bonded and committed to one another, to raise children through infancy. This ensures our species will continue to reproduce, survive and thrive. However, romantic love is not just about reproduction. Some argue we should consider love a motivation, like hunger, thirst, sleep or sex.

There are many benefits of loving others and being loved. These include better mental health, wellbeing and immune function, and reduced chronic stress and disease.

What happens when someone initially falls in love?

Falling in love typically begins when someone starts to see another person as special and unique.

The initial phase of falling in love is an extreme neurobiological state, characterised by heightened responses and high passion. Lust and attraction are driven by the sex hormones, estrogen and testosterone, as motivations for sex.

Specific areas of the brain are activated when you fall in love, in particular the limbic system and the reward centres. The limbic system has key roles in emotion and memory. This causes a positive mood and explains why the memories associated with new love are so strong.

There is also an increase in dopamine and noradrenaline. Dopamine stimulates the reward pathways and increases motivation and obsessive thoughts and behaviours to pursue the love interest. Noradrenaline causes the feelings of euphoria, and the physiological responses of a faster heart rate, butterflies in the stomach and increased energy.

At the same time, other brain areas are deactivated. Reduced activity in the frontal cortex reduces negative emotions and judgements. This explains why initially people may be blind to faults in the person they are in love with.

But while you might be feeling less judgement, there is also increased cortisol, stress and feelings of insecurity in the early phase of falling in love.

How does romantic love change over time?

The initial phase of falling in love and intense infatuation lasts for several months.

During the next phase, there is increased intimacy, commitment and attachment. This is driven by the hormones oxytocin and vasopressin. Oxytocin helps us feel safe and secure after the initial high cortisol and stress of the uncertainty and risk of falling in love. Vasopressin promotes behaviours of vigilance and being territorial and self-protective.

Between oxytocin and vasopressin there is a balance of connecting with others while also protecting the person you are in love with and yourself.

Oxytocin is often called the "hormone of love" because it facilitates the formation of social bonds and connections. However, new research in animal models suggests oxytocin is not essential for life-long pair-bonding as previously thought.

Sexual activity is distinct from love, but it does reinforce attachment. When we touch, kiss or have sex, oxytocin and vasopressin are released, which promotes love and commitment between a couple.

Years into a romantic relationship, there is often a period of transition from passionate love to companion love. High intimacy and commitment help to sustain this love. Some relationships end at this time because of the reduced passion, while other couples remain in the passionate love phase for decades.

What about non-romantic love?

Beyond its role in romantic love, oxytocin is important in all forms of love, including with family, friends and even pets. Positive social relationships and oxytocin have many benefits on human health, wellbeing and longevity.

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Love might just be nature's best chemical cocktail. But all the intricacies of the complex behaviour and emotion of love continue to elude science.

(By Theresa Larkin and Susan J Thomas, University of Wollongong, The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been in a relationship for six months with a really nice girl, who is literally the girl of my dreams. I'm 27, she's 25. I've always thought it's too good to be true, as she's good-looking and I don't usually do well with women. Our sex life is amazing, but I have a feeling she's cheating on me. We were in bed at mine on a Friday night, and it was just past midnight when her phone started ringing. She looked at it and put it down, but I saw the call was from a guy. I asked who he was, and she brushed it off by saying he was just an old friend. She said he often calls to see how she is as she suffers from depression, and apparently he does, too, so they help each other with that. She said she didn't answer because she couldn't be bothered talking, but I'm thinking it was something more. Do you think she is cheating? I think she might be, but I don't want to lose her.

COLEEN SAYS

I think you are being a little insecure. It's only been six months and it's perfectly normal to have guy friends, especially when you're only 25. Just because you don't have any female friends doesn't mean she shouldn't have boys as mates.

You need to be careful because if you question her every time her phone rings, it's going to put her off you. She'll start to feel suffocated and controlled. In fact, she's already called you out for being "paranoid" and this kind of possessive behaviour is really wearing for a partner. She'll get to a point where she'll think the relationship is too much like hard work and no fun any more. And think a bit about your behaviour as well. Take a step back, focus on enjoying time together and see where things go. Start to have a bit more belief in yourself – she's with you for a reason.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B K Imran Khan S/o Dawood Budhan Khan R/o Door No 147 2nd Mai. 2nd Cross Sadath Nagar Guthal Road Mandya KA-571403 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Dawood Budain Khan in my passport No- H 1348477 the Correct name of my father is Dawood Budhan Khan for all purposes

I, Mohammedyusuf Kesarbhavi R/o #496, SLV Roopa Apt, Flat.002, 4th cross, Beml 3rd stage, R R Nagar, Bengaluru 560098 have changed my minor daughter name from Inaya to Inaya Mohammed yusuf Kesarbhavi (Inaya M Kesarbhavi)affidavit Dt.03/02/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

I, Shree Devi Suresh w/o Suresh.V R/o #24, 14th cross, Krishnandanagar, Malagala, Bengaluru 560091 have changed my name to Shreedevi Perumal affidavit Dt.14/02/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

I, Pooja w/o Pranith Kumar Herekudru, R/o #5, 3rd cross, Naidu Layout, Jaraganahalli, JP Nagar, Bengaluru 560078 have changed my name to POOJA SHETTY affidavit Dt.14/02/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

I, Suraiya w/o Syed Rahamathulla R/o #21, Kandaswamy Mudaliyar Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru 560005 have changed my name to Suraiya Rahamathulla affidavit Dt.06/02/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

I Jhalak Desai R/a #1053, Level-5, 4th Floor, Tower-I, Prestige Pinewood Apts, Koramangala 1st Block, B'lore-560034, have changed my name to Jhalak Parekh vide affidavit dt 14.02.2023, before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar

I Garima Rajender Prasad Verma D/O, Rajender Prasad R/o 69 Bethel 4th Cross, M S Palya Circle Bharathnagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore, Karnataka 560097 have changed my name to Garima Verma

I Calvin Fernandez Reginald Fernandez W/O, Judeline Doyle R/o 88/2 Plot No 4 And 5 Babusahipalaya Bangalore Karnataka 560043 have changed my name to Calvin Fernandez for all purposes.

I, Rajesh Kumar R/o #9 ,1st A Cross , Nagarbhavi Main Rd Anubhavanagara Moodalapa - lya Nagarbhavi B'lore-560072 have changed my name to Kumar Rajesh Kumar for all purposes.

I, AARTI KUMARI alias AARTIMA MEHRA, W/o Pamesh Chandra Singh, R/o C 503, HRC Ibbani Apartments Arkavathi Layout, Jakkur Bengaluru-560064, have changed my name as AARTI MEHRA, vide affidavit dated 13.02.2023, sworn before notary Rajanna S.M, Bengaluru.

I, Swarooprani H B residing at 253/1,1st Floor,2nd Main,Naidu Layout, Dollars Colony, Sanjaynagar, Banga lore-560094 have changed my name to Swaroopa Rani H B vide affidavit Dated 13.2.2023 sworn before notary Jalandhara Bangalore

I, DHANYASHRI T SWAMY R/o #444, 2nd Floor, Vasanti Nilaya, 6th Cross, 7th main, JP Nagar 3rd Phase, Bengaluru – 560078 have changed my name as DHANYASHRI SRIKANTH vide affidavit dated 13.02.2023 sworn before notary Rajanna S.M, Bengaluru.

I, Kanthilal S/O, Devaramji Rajpurohit R/o #428 15b Cross Mtb Area 5th Block Jayanager Bangalore-560041 have changed my name to Kantilal Rajpurohit for all purposes.

I, Shivdas residing at 32/6, ganesha clinic road , kashibhavi, near human temple, Bidarahalli, Bangalore-560049 have changed my name to P K Sivadas vide affidavit Dated 13.2.2023 sworn before notary Jalandhara Bangalore

I Maulana Noor Mhamed S/O, Naseebuddin R/o No 108 12th Cross Kogilu Layout Yelahanka Bengaluru have changed my name to Noor Mohammed for all purposes.

I, SALEEM ABDUL WAHAB LATHEEF MOHAMED, Residing at No 227, Marikamba Temple Street, Near TAPCMS Road, Malur, Kolar-563130, Have changed My name to MOHAMED SALEEM vide affidavit dated 14/02/2023 before Notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bangalore

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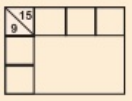
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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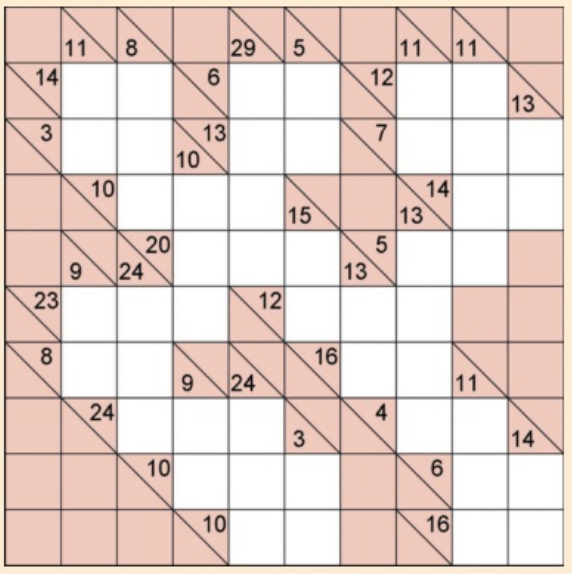

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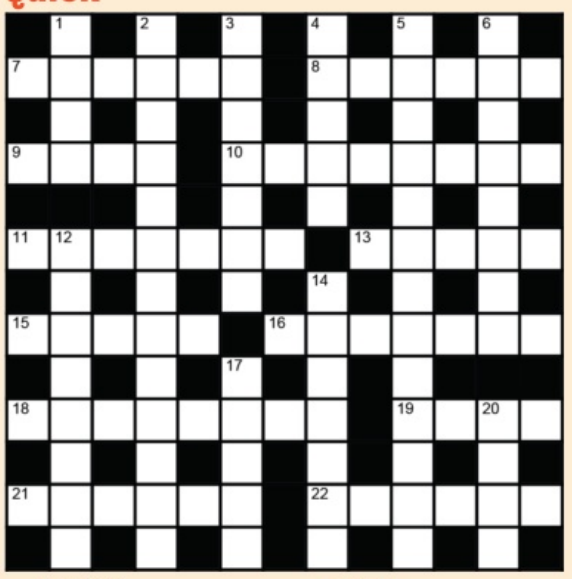


ACROSS

7 Cajoled or beguiled (6)
8 Karnataka tourist destination known for its sculptures and red sandstone cliffs (6)
9 Crude person (4)
10 Paternal (8)
11 Bill for goods supplied or services rendered? (7)
13 Adhere, use glue (5)
15 An organic compound–"Dime I" change? (5)
16 Fatness, a cause of heart attack, many say? (7)
18 Di Caprio of Hollywood (8)
19 Female horse (4)
21 Enthusiastic or strong (6)
22 Italian city (6)

DOWN

1 Dorothy's dog! (4)
2 Remarkable; exceptional (13)
3 Building (7)
4 Borders on (5)
5 Commercial publicity (13)
6 Absolute, submissive, unquestioning (8)
12 Counted (8)
14 Pardon of sin (7)
17 Entreats or begs (5)
20 Mass of stone (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS T

BXZ WNIJ L TZRB, BXZ RSNJZI L UZW, GLT CINZTJRXNS.

Linemaro

I thought nobody is perfect till I met you

Mindchow

The more you know, the less you understand

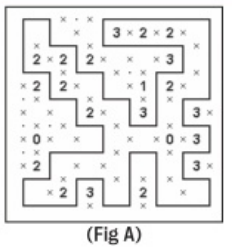
Joke of the day

Google: I know everything. Facebook: I know everyone. Internet: without me, you are nothing. Electricity: Keep talking, fools

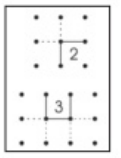
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

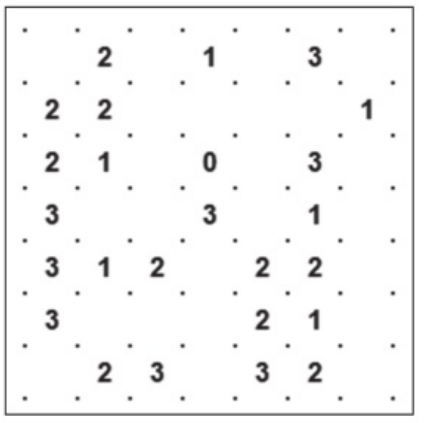


(Fig B) Not Allowed

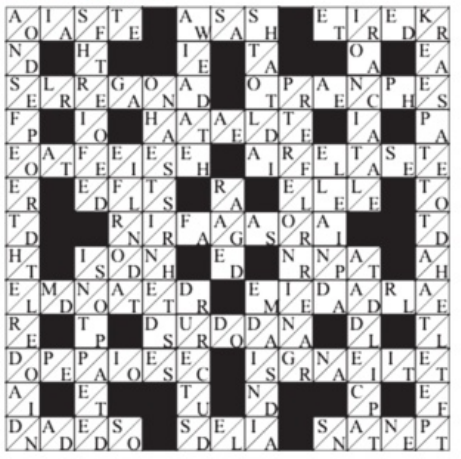
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



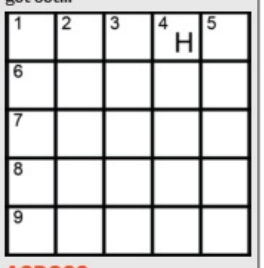
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

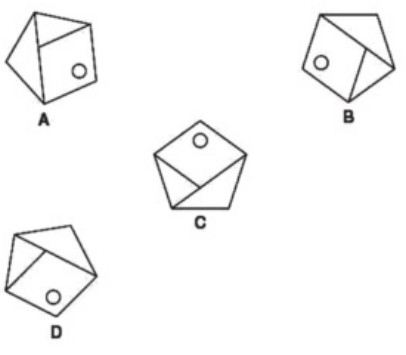
1 He ACC; 6 Hut no;
7 Aye KP; 8 I'm Ilu;
9 Armed

DOWN

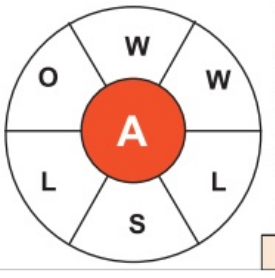
1 Id Cup; 2 An lee;
3 A rich; 4 Khoum;
5 Meaty

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3				8		7	
7	6		2		5	8		
			3			9		
6						2	5	
5			6		4			8
	4	8						7
		9			3			
		7	4		2		6	9
	1		7				2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 16
2 2 5 7

Medium = 15
1 2 7 7

Hard = 17
1 4 6 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

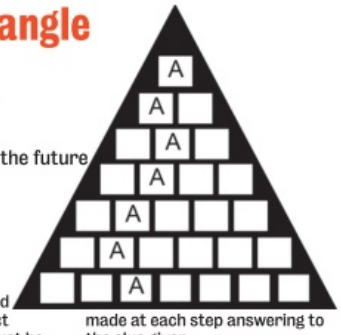
Differences: 1. Nose is different. 2. Stripe is added to sleeve. 3. Bag is smaller. 4. Legs are longer. 5. Hair is different. 6. Light is moved.

Riddler

Still half asleep I leave my bed, And shake the comb upon my head. Then with a loud and raucous cry, I sing the sun into the sky.

Alpha triangle

1 Blood group
2 _ easy _ a pie
3 React to gravity
4 Noised joyfully
5 Progress
6 Setting aside for the future
7 Fending (off)



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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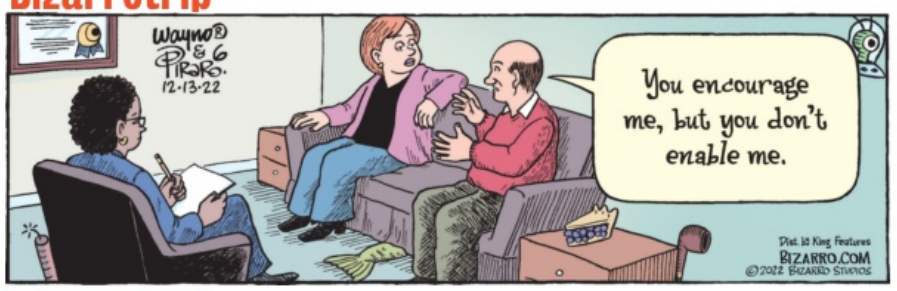

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

YOU LOOK READY TO PLAY THE PART OF SANTA!
THANKS... JUST ONE QUESTION...
WHAT'S MY CHARACTER'S MOTIVATION?
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel good. Domestic harmony can make you happy. You can meet some influential people to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may settle down.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be healthy. You may be able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work. your boss may be happy with you. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in legal matters. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may prefer gaining knowledge. You may understand the value of intellectual assets. Sometimes you may control your short temperedness, which may help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money for love. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be dissatisfied. You may have some sort of detachment from your responsibilities. This may leave you confused. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also take care of your parents. If you are planning to migrate somewhere, it is advised to postpone it for some days.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a positive day for you. You may get success for your hard work on the professional and domestic front. You may have good focus and will complete your work on time, which can improve your self confidence. You can also expect some work-related short trips which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household items. You are advised to control your expenditure on worthless things, otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control your harsh way of speaking with the people around you.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel comfortable after a messy situation. Your vitality may help you implement some tough decisions in your parental business. This may help you in the near future. You may help needy people around you, which may increase your social respect. Students might be clear about choosing their career path.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may face health issues, which can make you impatient. You are advised to control your temper. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless things, which may affect your savings. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics, otherwise there might be a breakup.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you will meet some influential person who will help you in the progress of your work. Your network will be strong with the help of that person. You may prepare yourself to implement new ideas in your work or business. You may plan to invest more capital into your business. This may give you financial gains in the future. In terms of domestic life, you will be busy with social events.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your mothers' health may be good. You may enjoy it at work. You may get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind can make you tired. Due to workload, you may not be able to reach a family event.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

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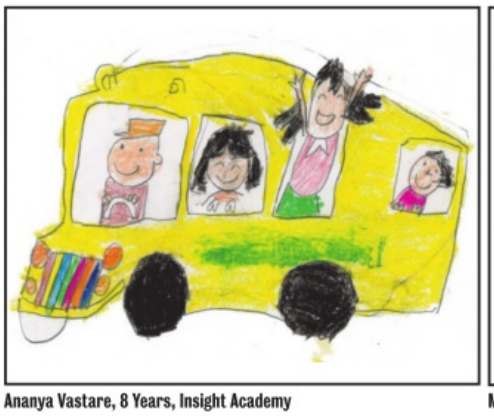
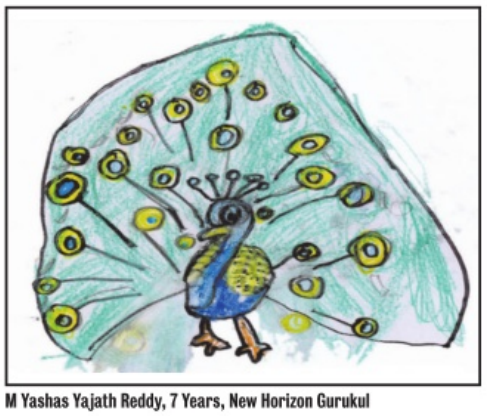


Ananya Vastare, 8 Years, Insight Academy



M Yashas Yajath Reddy, 7 Years, New Horizon Gurukul

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SOLVE IN 1M
= (169/9)+(729–720)
= (28.17)+(9)
= 37.17

BULL'S EYE
allow, also, sallow, slaw, SWALLOW, wall, wallow

STRIKE OUT

O	I	S	E	W	A	S	T	R	E	T	E			
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QUOTE UNCODE
The bird a nest, the spider a web, man friendship.

RIDDLER A rooster

C	A	C	H	E
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I	L	I	U	M
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	D	E	R	M	A

FAST FIVE

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
D: the rest are all the same figure rotated

SUDOKU

3	1	6	7	8	9	4	2	5
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2	4	8	9	5	1	6	3	7
5	7	3	6	2	4	1	9	8
6	9	1	8	3	7	2	5	4
1	8	5	3	7	6	9	4	2
7	6	4	2	9	5	8	1	3
9	3	2	1	4	8	5	7	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, As, Sag, Sang, Gains, Saving, Staving.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 2 + 2 + 5 = 16
Medium
7 + 2 + 7 – 1 = 15
Hard
4 x 3 + 6 – 1 = 17

LOOP

KAKURO

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Cruise steals the show
Tom Cruise was the star everyone, including Malala Yousafzai, queued up to meet as nearly 200 of this year's Oscar nominees gathered to celebrate at the Academy's annual luncheon

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Sealed with a kiss?

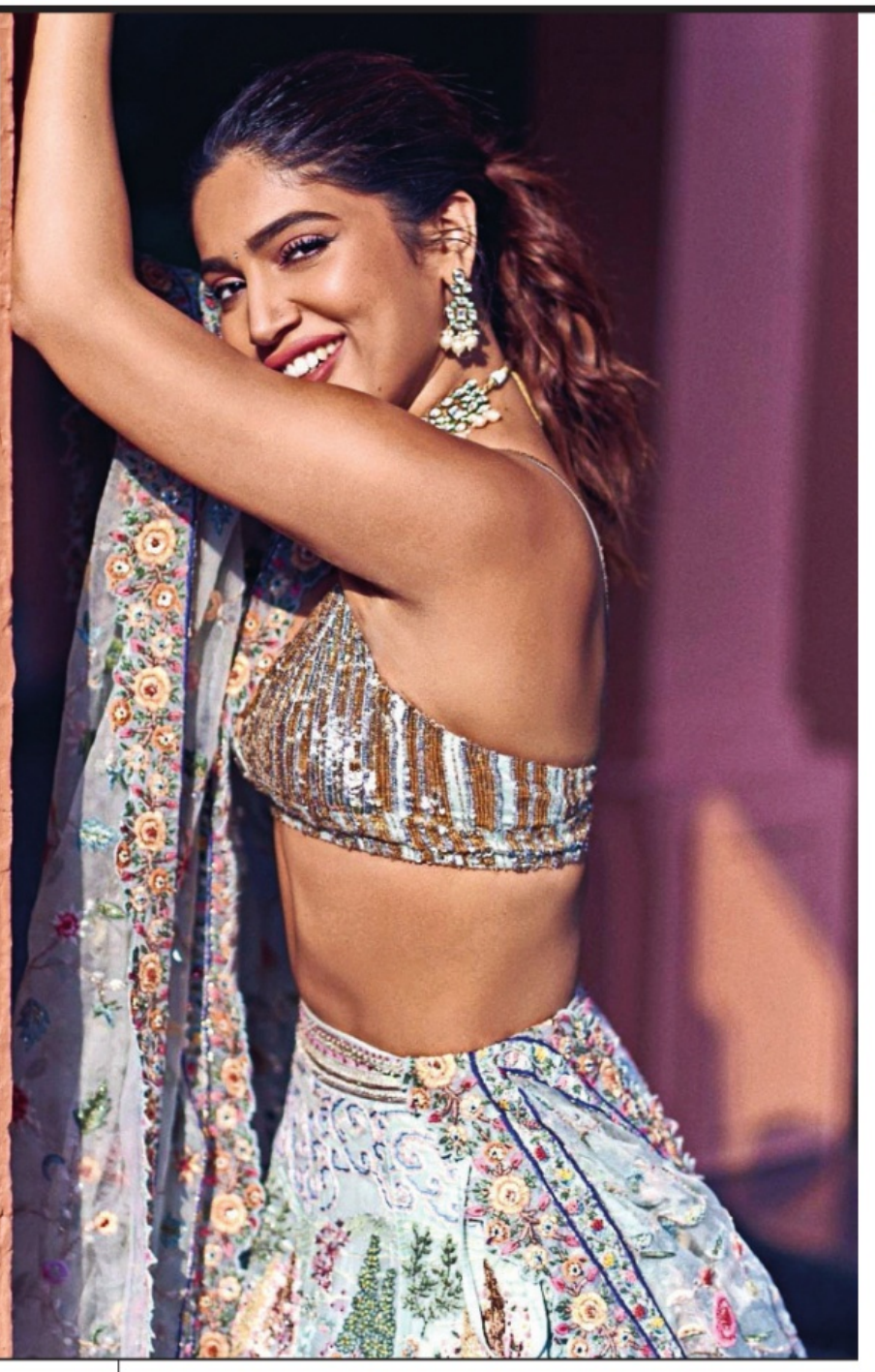
Bhumi sets internet on fire after video with mystery man emerges

Bhumi Pednekar made a glamorous appearance at Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani's wedding reception over the weekend. The actress looked ravishing in a gold drape paired with a risqué blouse and a pearl choker.

Interestingly, a video of the actress exiting the starry reception is going viral on the internet, wherein it appears that Bhumi is kissing a mystery man. While the bodyguards seem to be shielding Bhumi, her intimate moment has been caught on camera.

This video has sent the internet in a tizzy with eager netizens turning sleuths to get more details about the man. Comments on Reddit suggest that the person with Bhumi is businessman Yash Kataria.

On the work front, Bhumi has six films releasing this year, which includes Ajay Bahl's 'The Ladykiller' co-starring Arjun Kapoor, Anubhav Sinha's 'Bheed' co-starring Rajkummar Rao, 'Meri Patni Ka Remake' and 'Bhakshak' among others. Speaking about a promising 2023, Bhumi had shared, "With six films releasing this year, I'm putting it out in the universe that 2023 will be my year in cinema as an actor! Given the diversity of these films and the powerful women that I will essay in the film, I don't think I could push myself any further to showcase the variety of roles that I can play as an artist. People will get to see six different Bhumi's on screen in one year which is what is most exciting for me. I live to play out different lives on screen. It excites me, challenges me and stimulates me as an artist. I'm fortunate that I'm an actor living out my dream every single day. I couldn't have manifested anything better to happen to me.". —ETimes



Long and short of it

Aahana Kumra is one of the tallest actresses of Bollywood. While she loves the fact, she also says it has its own side effects. Talking about the pros, Aahana says, "I enjoy wearing pantsuits. I am a tall girl and I think if I am a tall person I should take full advantage of the fact that you know I can wear pantsuits. I can wear things that other short people cannot wear. I think I take a lot of advantage of that."

The actress who enjoys dressing up well, also adds, "I like smart dressing, I am a person who has nice broad shoulders, and so I love anything that has to do with pantsuits, long pants or bootcuts." While as a tall person she enjoys being a fashionista, Aahana complains that there are quite a lot of cons too. Some she faces as an actor. She shares, "The biggest disadvantage is that you don't find tall co-actors. You will find short co-actors and then the DOP (Director of Photography) will call for a stool for the actor to stand on it." About extreme scenarios, she said, "Worse is that I have lost a lot of roles because of my height. There are times where people have told me, 'because you are tall, we couldn't cast you as the actor is shorter than you'."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Sleuths say it is official

Vijay Varma and Tamannaah Bhatia have been hitting the headlines of late for their rumoured love affair. The alleged love birds are yet to come out in open about their relationship.

However, netizens feel Vijay just made his relationship official through his Instagram post. The actor shared a picture featuring two pairs of feet facing each other on his Instagram story.

While Vijay tagged no one in the picture and just captioned it with a red heart emoji, fans were quick to point out that the other pair of shoes belonged to none other than Tamannaah.

Apart from two pairs of feet, a part of a jacket is visible in the photo and the eagle-eyed fans found another picture on the internet of the actress holding the same jacket.
— ETimes

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Going, going, gone!

We know about cricket players, art, sites being bought in auctions. Kannada movie Kadala Theerada Bhargava created history in Sandalwood on Monday after a ticket of this movie was bought in an auction by former deputy mayor Ram Mohan Raj for a whopping Rs 2 lakh. Plan is to give the money to a student from an economically weaker family for higher studies.

"I want to encourage movies based on our traditions. I liked the trailer of this movie and decided to encourage the cast and crew. I want Kadala Theerada Bhargava to become successful," said Ram Mohan Raj.

The trailer of Kadala Theerada Bhargava was released on Monday by the former deputy mayor and two Kannada movie producers at Karnataka Chalanachitra Kalavidara Sangha. The movie is scheduled for release on March 3.

Starry blessings

The cast and crew of Ondelle Love Story are elated about the support from prominent personalities of Sandalwood. Ashwini Puneet Rajkumar released the trailer and a song of the film at a function held at SRV Preview Theater, Malleswaram on Saturday.

"We are lucky to get such encouragement. The teaser was released by Dr Shivarajkumar while its audio was released by Ramesh Aravind. The audio was bought by PRK Audio owned by Ashwini Puneet Rajkumar," said Ashwin. Ashwin has written the script and screenplay and he plays the lead. "I began acting in tele serials after getting basic training at Adarsha Film Institute. I used to get Rs 30 per day for acting in a Kannada tele serial in 2007. I struggled a lot to establish myself. I have acted in Tamil and Telugu tele serials. Finally, I have succeeded in realising my long-cherished dream of acting in a movie after struggling for 15 years," says Ashwin. Ondelle Love Story is about youth who become addicted to alcohol and drugs without knowing how to deal with a breakup. Ashwin, Dhanushree, Kailash Pal, and Nisha Hegde are the key cast in this movie.